

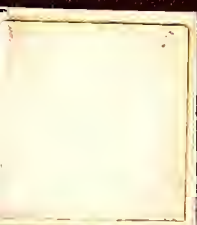
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THEME: "ONE HUNDRED YEARS FOR CHRIST"

DR. PAUL H. JOHNSON, *Minister*

Martin Street Baptist Church

MARTIN AND STATE STREETS

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

1869-1969

DEDICATED

To the founding members who gave of themselves toward the on going of our church and the Kingdom of God.

DR. PAUL H. JOHNSON Minister

MRS. LUCINDA W. FARRELL Church Clerk

MRS. MARGARIE W. DUNN Assistant Church Clerk

MR. LESTER B. FREEMAN Finance Secretary

MR. ROBERT L. WILLIAMS Assistant Finance Secretary

MR. HULON L. MORGAN Treasurer

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Foreword

OUR HERITAGE

"Upon This Rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Thus saith the Lord — and such was the determination of Martin Street Baptist Church in 1869 when the early builders started their worship services in a shoe shop. Our church has become the great church that it is because of the dedication of those who have passed this way. When that small group of men and women met in the shoe shop on Martin Street, they saw more than they saw, they embraced more than they perceived. They set in motion what was soon to become a regular Missionary Baptist Church. Their task was matched only by their faith in God and their courage to believe that God would see them through.

OUR THANKS

The world has turned over many times since that eventful day in 1869, but Martin Street Baptist Church has at all times lifted high the banner of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All these years we have in every generation affirmed the unchanging and infallible word of God. We proclaim the virgin born, crucified, resurrected and coming back again Christ as the only way of salvation. As we gaze in gratitude, we rejoice over our goodly heritage, relive the past, and take fresh courage and new inspiration to keep the building in the hearts of lives of men.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR PRESENT WORLD

Martin Street Baptist Church can look to the future with confidence and hope. God has been with us in the past, we feel His presence with us today, and we implore his blessings in the future. 'He was our help in ages past,' and 'our hope for years to come.'

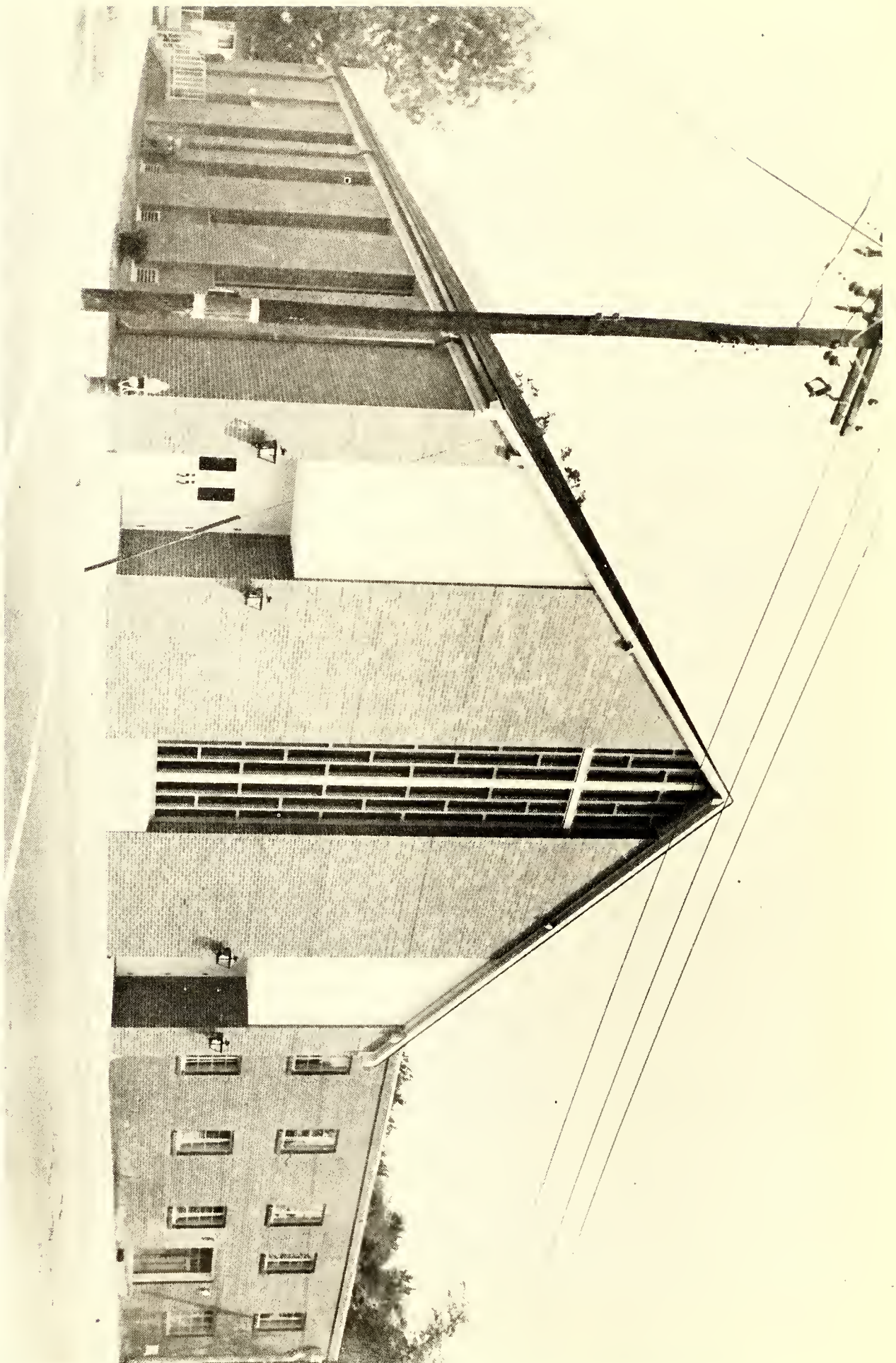
We ask of the unfolding years a greater involved church in the affairs of life that concern people. Our church must foster programs that have to do with the whole man. To finance such programs we envision the majority of our members accelerating their stewardship. The members will give, "not from the top of their pocket books, but from the bottom of their hearts." The church which is a force for good must occupy a paramount place in the hearts of her members.

Even though our church is celebrating her One-hundredth anniversary, she has unused energy and unspent vitality. As we pause for this occasion, she is not as a ship laid in dry dock; we anchor on high seas to reflect, take stock, honor our sainted dead and applaud those who man the vessel in this generation.

Our theme for this celebration is, — "One Hundred Years For Christ — Our Heritage, Our Thanks, Our Responsibility To Our Present World." This publication is designed to be a historical journal, and we are indebted to many members and friends who have shared with this committee pertinent information. So on this our One-Hundredth Anniversary, may we say, "Viva Martin Street," LONG LIVE MARTIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Centennial Journal Committee
Thomas E. Kee, Chairman
Margarie W. Dunn, Co-Chairman
Lucinda W. Farrell
Pollie W. Saunders
Mary H. Geiger
P. H. Johnson

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Martin Street Baptist Church

GREETINGS

On this very significant and historic occasion of our Centennial Celebration, I salute you most joyfully and in this manner heartily convey to you felicitations of extreme warmth. As minister of the Martin Street Baptist Church for the past 26 years, I do not hesitate to commend you most sincerely and wholeheartedly for the most excellent account of your stewardship given during the abundantly fruitful one hundred years you have so vigorously and effectively engaged yourself in extending God's Kingdom upon this earth.

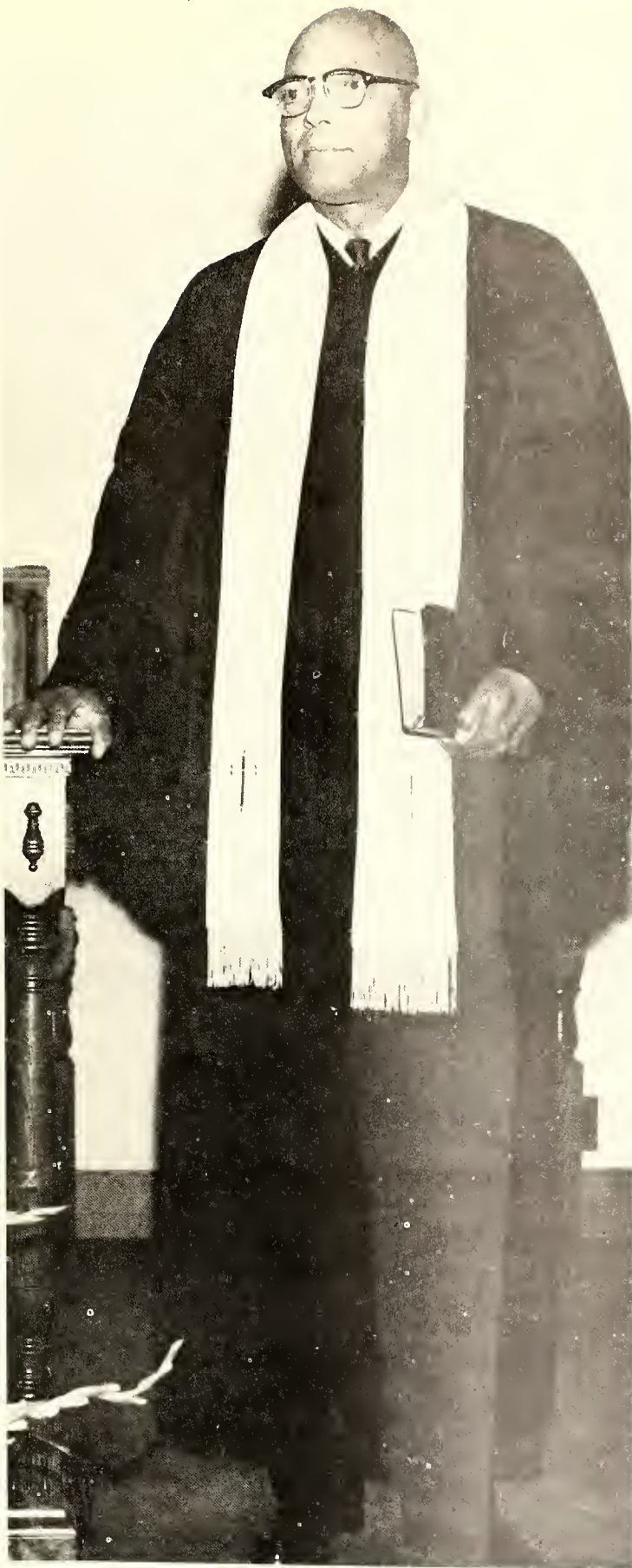
It is quite true that the small group of people who banded themselves together here one hundred years ago never imagined what their efforts would accomplish. The pride which is ours, and the satisfaction too, over our most remarkable accomplishments should only animate us most challengingly to go forth always looking upward and pressing incessantly onward to the mark of the high callings of our Blessed Master.

As I pause here to count the services that have been rendered by this church, see those who have grown stronger and more courageous because of the training and fellowship, watch both youths and adults use their influence to bring others to this place of worship, it is no wonder my heart gives out a loud beat of joyfulness, giving thanks to God for being a part of this Kingdom building. In these days of selfishness, bigotry, tension, strife, uncertainty, misunderstanding, confusion, human misery and bloodshed occasioning in so many areas of this world, our vision should never be limited nor our faith in God to bring into fruition the seemingly impossible lacking.

As members, our heritage is indeed noble, and our thanks to the Great God for our lot should never be ceasing. It is not sufficient just to be proud of our inheritance, however glorious, but it is equally demanding that our every act as Christians comport with standards required of us to render this heritage even more worthy, as it is passed down to unborn generations.

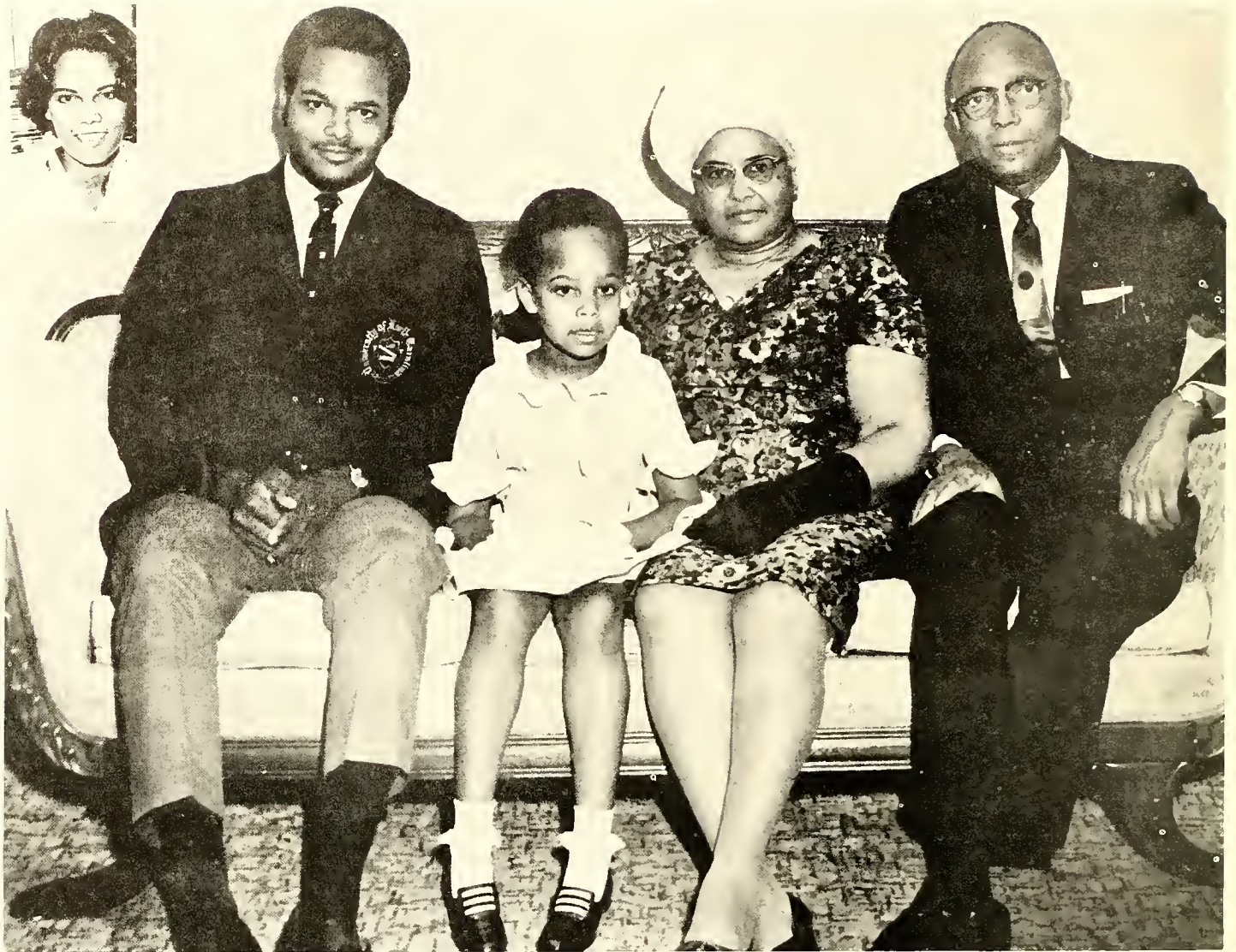
Each of us might well say with Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the will of God prevails; without Him all human reliance is vain; without the assistance of that Divine Being I cannot succeed; with that assistance I cannot fail." May our past laudable record of service and accomplishment be only prologue to even more meaningful and inspirational work by The Martin Street Baptist Church in the years ahead — I am confident that it will be.

PAUL H. JOHNSON, *Minister*



DR. PAUL H. JOHNSON, *Minister*

Pastor and Family



Seated left to right: Cureton Lee and Nita Charlene Johnson, son and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Johnson. Cureton is a junior at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina and is majoring in Journalism. Nita is a first grade student at the Lucille Hunter School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Next to Nita is Mrs. Susie Cureton Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a native of Walhalla, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, and received the B. A. Degree in Elementary Education from Shaw University.

Next to Mrs. Johnson is Dr. Paul H. Johnson. Dr. Johnson is a native of Oxford, North Carolina and a

graduate of Shaw University where he received the A. B. and B. D. Degrees. In 1961, Shaw University honored Dr. Johnson by conferring upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity, for outstanding services in the field of religious education and civic activities.

Left insert, Captain Delcie Vernet Johnson, their daughter. Delcie is a graduate of A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina. Presently Delcie is serving with the U. S. Eighth Army Field Nursing Corp. in South Vietnam. Not shown is their son, Paul Harold, Jr.

Martin Street Through The Years

History in the broadest sense is the story of man's past, and it may be styled as the rear view mirror of a car. Even though the eyes look to the future, they are admonished to glance backward; therefore, we as a church pause to take just such a glance with the hope that an approximate accuracy of the facts will reveal the involvements of those who have preceded us.

The first light that was shed in the minds of the group of organizers of this church has spread with such force that it has become a beacon in the center of the hill that beckons men and women into its path.

The sincerity of purpose, the warmth of their motives, and the strength of their support, has made out of a few boards, some brick and a few small windows, a great temple of worship for people from all walks of life who pass this way. We pause to salute the pioneers of this effort who, without a doubt, put God in front and in spite of small financial gain were able to hold on, to carry on and push forward to here.

The Martin Street Baptist Church was founded in the year 1869. A group of Baptist men and women living in the eastern section of Raleigh banded themselves into a Baptist Interest Group for the purpose of establishing a place of worship in their neighborhood. The distance to the nearest Baptist Church at that time was more than a mile away and means of transportation were very poor. On many occasions these people were denied the privilege of worshipping on Sunday.

The early meeting places were held in a neighborhood shoe shop, which was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Anderson, and in the homes of the church members. Sunday School and worship services were held on Sunday afternoon. Ministers from the surrounding churches were called upon to give the messages and to lead the worship service. Some of the persons that were associated with the founding and early development of the Martin Street Baptist Church were: Eaton Williams, Sr., Edmond Hill, Weldon Redie, Sr., Leonard Morgan, Edward Smith, Sr., Mrs. Betsy Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Anderson.

The church membership continued to grow. In 1870, one of the founders, Mrs. Virgil Anderson, donated the land on which the first building was erected. The church parsonage stands on this site today.

The first minister, The Reverend Thomas Edwards, was called in 1871. Other ministers who served during the nineteenth century were: The Reverends Robert Shepard Samuel Sanders and Auphy Thomas Price. The church grew both spiritually and physically under the leadership of these ministers.

The Reverend W. S. Wyche succeeded The Reverend A. T. Price and served until 1909. He was a dynamic speaker. He served the church for a brief period, and advanced the growth both spiritually and numerically.

In 1909, The Reverend C. C. Clark, a member and a student at Shaw University, was called to serve as pastor. It was under his leadership that the congregation saw the need to expand the church facilities and purchased the land on which our present church building stands. A new church building was started in 1910 with Reverend Clark still at the helm.

Dr. William T. Coleman was called to lead the flock in 1912. The cornerstone to the church building was laid in 1913 during his ministry. Following Reverend Coleman's tenure, The Reverend Charles Mayes was called. Reverend Mayes, a carpenter by trade, was responsible for putting on the roof of the church building.

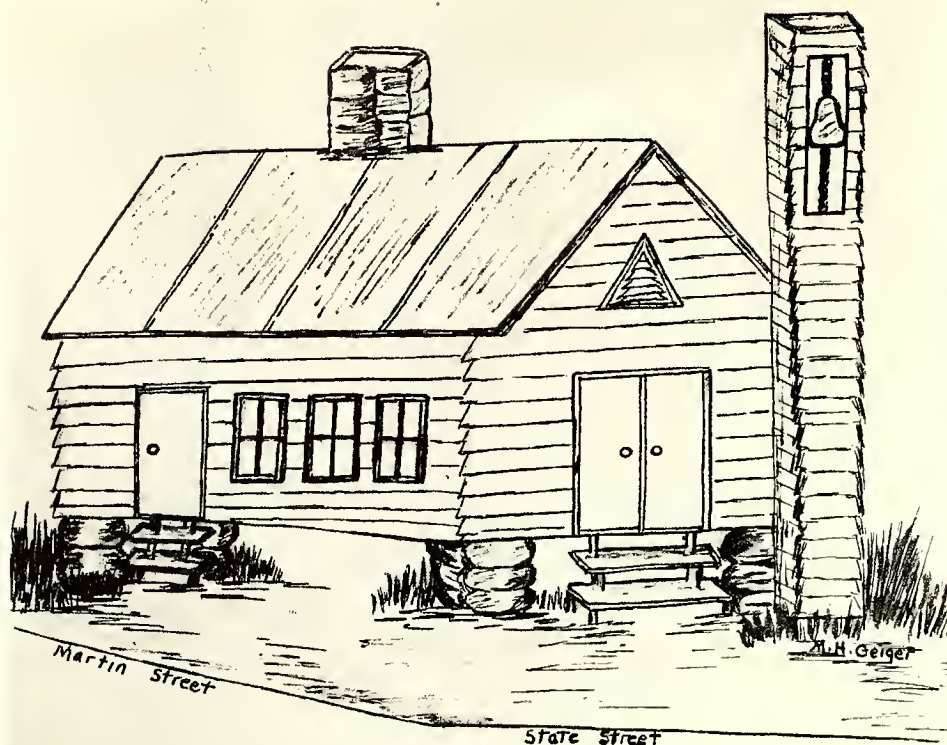
In March, 1918 The Reverend Elias Wimberley, was called as minister of the Martin Street Baptist Church, and served faithfully until 1925. During Reverend Wimberley's administration, the church edifice, which was started in 1910, was completed. The third Sunday in May, 1919, at sunrise, the first worship service was held in the new church. He also led the congregation in erecting a modern six room parsonage for the comfort of the minister and his family. It was under his leadership that the Sunday School and the worship service hours were changed from 1:30 P. M. and 3:00 P. M. to 9:30 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. The offering envelope system of giving was started during his ministry. The church made tremendous progress under his leadership.

The Reverend C. C. Staton followed as pastor in 1925 and served until 1929. His tenure was short but effective.

The Reverend Vernon T. Williams was called as pastor in February, 1929. He served faithfully until September, 1943. Among Reverend Williams' outstanding contributions was the organizing of the church body into Groups according to geographical sections of the city — these groups are still an integral part of our church program. The modernizing of the church baptistry and the erection of a three story education building were also among his accomplishments. He also added greatly to the spiritual life of the church and the community.

In December, 1943, the church extended a call to The Reverend Paul H. Johnson, Oxford, North Carolina. Under his leadership the education building that was erected during Reverend Williams' pastorate was completed in 1945. In 1948, the sanctuary was remodeled to meet the needs of a growing congregation and a second two-story education building was erected and completed in 1953. Our church parsonage was completely remodeled in 1957.

In 1960, the pastor and congregation formulated plans for the raising of funds to rebuild the sanctuary and remodel the education buildings. Architectural drawings for the new project were made in February, 1965, and we began work on our new building. After worshipping in the Thompson School for seven months, we moved into our new church on September 5, 1965 and dedicated it to God on Sunday, October 31, 1965. Two parking lots with space totaling 20,000 square feet have been purchased. At present, our church property is valued at \$300,000. When Reverend Johnson came to Martin Street Church the membership was approximately 300 and the church budget was near \$4,000. Today, we have a membership of more than 1000 and an adopted budget exceeding \$45,000. He has reactivated the Woman's Auxiliary and organized the Brotherhood and the Youth Group. Special days are observed each year for the men, women and youth of this church. These days were established for a two-fold purpose. First, for Christian fellowship and secondly for financial ingathering. It is needless to say that these special days have more than proved their worth in the life of our church. It was also under his leadership that the Choral Choir was organized for young men and women.



ORIGINAL CHURCH



Mrs. Wilma P. Cofield

Great-great niece of donor of
land for first church building.

At the time of our Centennial Celebration, Dr. Johnson has served faithfully and untiringly for the past 26 years and has pastored this church longer than any former pastor.

During the past century the Martin Street Baptist Church has greatly influenced the spiritual, social and physical development of the city of Raleigh, the state of North Carolina and the nation.

We pray to ever hold to those principles of faith and doctrines that have made us useful and inspirational. May we ever keep our wicks trimmed for service to God and our fellowman and may the pilot light of truth, honesty and understanding keep burning, that even the unborn will be able to catch its glow.

We hope that this aforesated history will serve to inspire and encourage someone to involve himself more in the Kingdom program for a bigger and better MARTIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Historians — Annabelle Fincher, Louise Revis and Reverend W. A. Perry

FORMER MINISTERS

1871 - 1896

Reverend Thomas Edwards

Reverend Robert Shepard

Reverend Samuel Sanders



Reverend Auphy T. Price

1896 - 1907

Reverend W. S. Wyche

Reverend C. C. Clark

1908 - 1912



Dr. William T. Coleman

1912 - 1915

Reverend Charles Mayes

1916 - 1918



Reverend Elias Wimberley

1918 - 1928



Reverend C. C. Staton

1928 - 1929



Reverend Vernon T. Williams

1929 - 1943

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

THEME: "One Hundred Years For Christ"

Guest Speakers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1969 — 11:00 A. M.

THEME: "Our Heritage"

Speaker, Reverend C. Cornelius Staton, Sr., Weldon, North Carolina

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1969 — 11:00 A. M.



Reverend William A. Perry

THEME: "Our Thanks"

Speaker, Reverend William A. Perry, Pastor of Baptist Grove Baptist Church,
Raleigh, North Carolina

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1969 — 11:00 A. M.



Reverend Percy L. High

THEME: "Our Responsibility To Our Present World"

Speaker, Reverend Percy L. High, Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church,
Braddock, Pennsylvania

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1969 — 11:00 A. M.

THEME: "Homecoming"

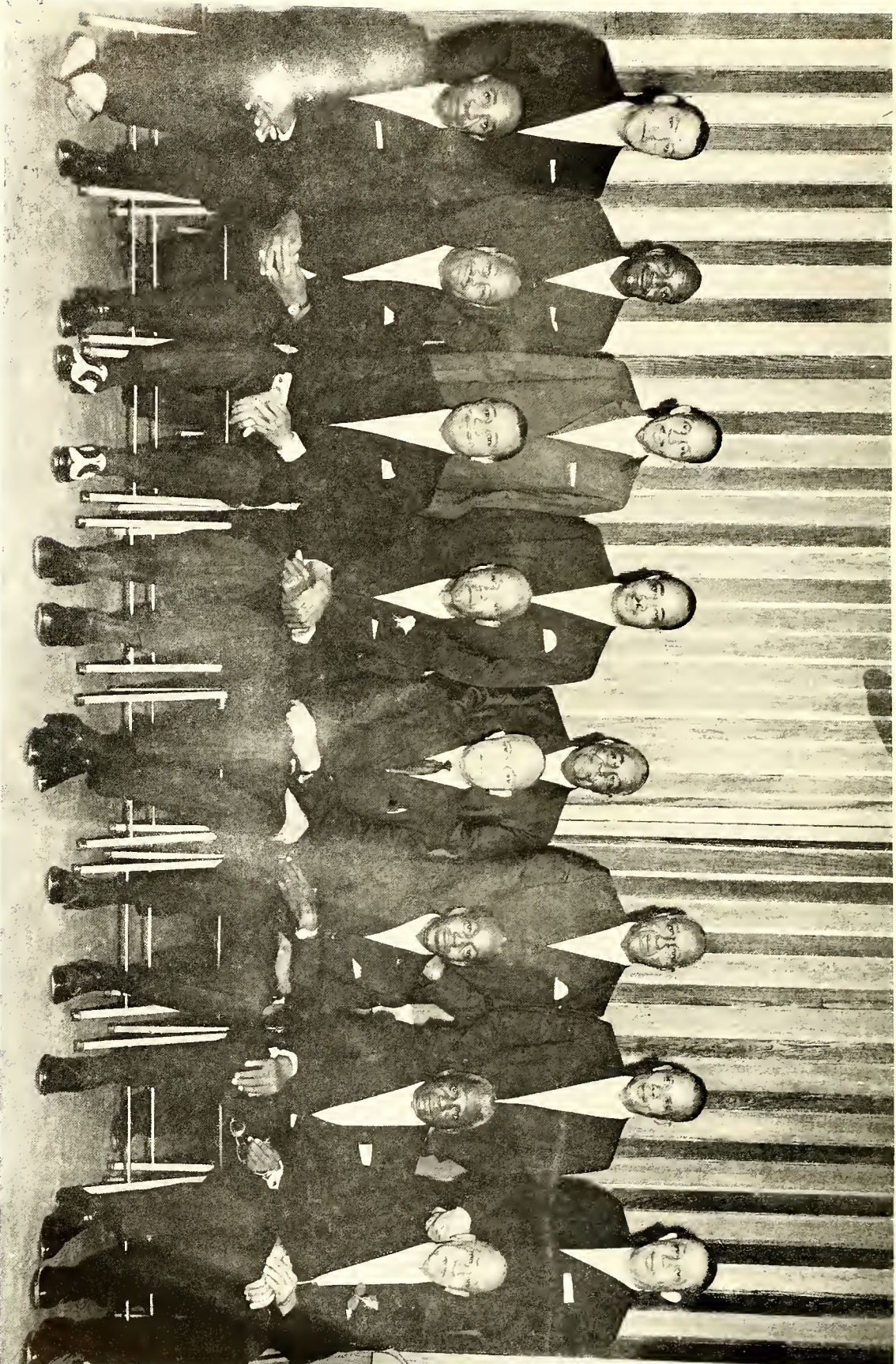
Speakers, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, 11:00 A.M. Service

Dr. Chancy R. Edwards, Pastor of The First Baptist Church, Fayetteville,
North Carolina — 3:00 P.M.

Pictorial Review - Past and Present



BOARD OF DEACONS



Howard Pullen, Sr., Chairman

First Row, left to right: Carlton Barber, Sr., Lester Freeman, James Thomas, Howard Pullen, Sr., Paul H. Johnson, Pastor, Jesse Saunders, Henry High, Sr., Second Row, left to right: William Perry, Jr., Norman Sanders, Sr., Arthur Deham, Sr., Robert Williams, Fred Anderson, Andrew Fellers, Sr., William Fields and

James Laceywell.
Not Shown: Thomas Kee, Sr., Lonnie Lockamy, Jr., Phenix Watson, Leon Whitaker, Benjamin Johnson, Eddie Jones.

Trustee Board



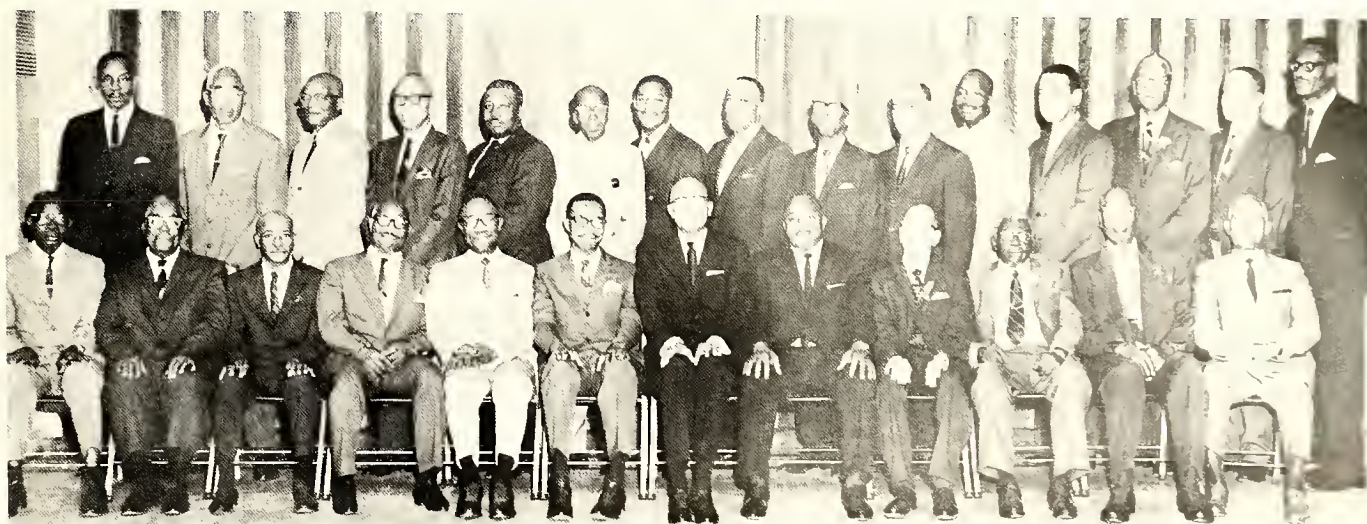
TRUSTEE BOARD — Casper Lilly, Chairman

First Row, left to right: Charles Brown, Sr., Julius Anderson, Samuel Morgan, Casper Lilly, Sr. Second Row, left to right: Clarence McLean, Preston McClain, Jr., Milton George, Clinton Downing, Hallie Rand, Jr., Hulon Morgan, John Ben-

nett.

Not shown: George Debnam, James Cheek, Walter Farrell, Sr., Rufus Whitley, Walter Jacobs, Jr., Will Willis

Finance Committee



THE FINANCE COMMITTEE — Carlton Barber, Sr., Chairman

First Row, left to right: Casper Lilly, Fred Anderson, Samuel Morgan, Lester Freeman, Carlton Barber, Sr., Hulon Morgan, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Walter Farrell, Sr., Herbert Hicks, Sr., Henry High, Sr., Eddie Jones, Hallie Rand, Jr. Second Row, left to right: Arthur Debnam, Sr., Will Willis,

John Bennett, Benjamin Johnson, Clarence McLean, Jesse Saunders, Preston McClain, Jr., Milton George, Phenix Watson, Thomas Kee, Sr., Norman Sanders, Sr., William Perry, Jr., Howard Pullen, Sr., James Whitaker, Sr., Lonnie Lockamy, Jr.

The Church Staff



MRS. LUCINDA W. FARRELL
Office Secretary



LESTER B. FREEMAN
Finance Secretary

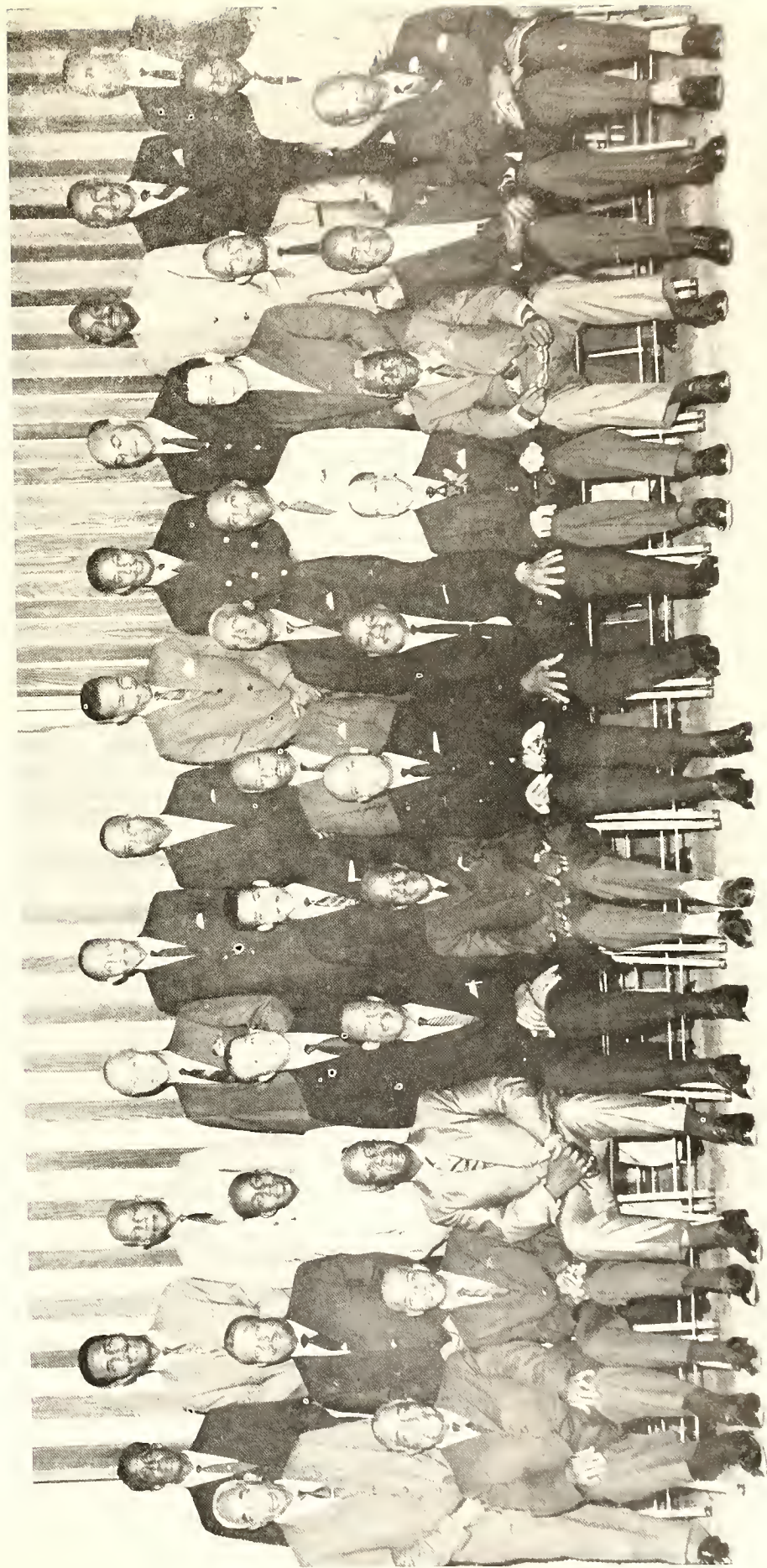


HULON L. MORGAN
Treasurer



THOMAS J. LEWIS
Custodian

THE BROTHERHOOD — Lonnie J. Lockamy, Jr., President



First Row, left to right: Fred Anderson, Samuel Morgan, James Lytle, Lonnie Lockamy, Jr., Dave Burwell, Dr. Paul Johnson, Walter Farrell, Sr., Herbert Hicks, Sr., Henry High, Sr., Eddie Jones, Howard Pullen, Sr.
Second Row, left to right: Will Willis, Clarence McLean, Jesse Saunders, Earlie Sills, Thomas Lewis, Lester Freeman, Phenix Watson, Carlton Barber, Sr., Wil-

liam Perry, Jr., Hallie Rand, Jr., Casper Lilly.
Third Row, left to right: Hilton Reddick, Sr., James Keith, John Bennett, Benjamin Johnson, Arthur Debnam, Sr., Milton George, Hulton Morgan, Preston McClain, Jr., Thomas Kee, Sr., Norman Sanders, Sr., James Ridley, James Whitaker, Sr.

LADIES 'AUXILIARY — Pollie Saunders, President



First Row, left to right: Velma Joyner, Blonnie Williams, Beulah George, Margaret Baldwin, Ruby Poole, Annie High, Ordell Morgan, Pollie Saunders, Leona Daniel, Susie Johnson.

Second Row, left to right: Harriet Butler, Luna Hill, Vera Morgan, Margarie Dunn, Mattie High, Ballie Watson, Fannie Birdsall, Minnie Mintz, Madeline Keith, Hester McManus, Maggie Holley, Mae DeLaney.



First Row, left to right: Corina Edwards, Viola Chavis, Rosa Judkins, Florence Taylor, Louise Revis, Elizabeth Moore, Linnie Edwards, Lola Rogers, Ethel Thomas, Katie Lewis, Fannie Jones.

Second Row, left to right: Lucille Thorpe, Martha Hammond, Julia Jackson, Ezara Watson, Maggie Fisher, Helen

Mitchell, Lula Anderson, Annie Rich, Mary Greene, Elma Smith, Adline Lilly, Tamara Johnson.

Third Row, left to right: Mable Mitchell, Ercelle Davis, Viola Anderson, Viola High, Edith May, Jessie Henry, Iris Crum, Hazel Logan, Rosetta Rand, Beatrice Bennett.



Mrs. Hester J. McManus
1954 - 1957



Mrs. Polly W. Saunders
1969



Mrs. Susie C. Johnson
1958 - 1959



Mrs. Merlyn W. Lytle
1968

**Presidents Of The
Ladies Auxiliary
1954 - 1969**

These ladies have rendered the highest type of dedicated Christian services to the church and its program.



Mrs. Lillian W. Logan
1960



Mrs. Leona B. Daniel
1966 - 1967



Mrs. Marjorie W. Dunn
1964 - 1965



Mrs. Velma T. Joyner
1962 - 1963



Mrs. Viola Z. High
1961

Sunday School Staff



First Row, left to right: Viola High, Beatrice Lewis, Corina Edwards, Faye Dunbar, Annie High, Louise Revis, Henrietta Faison, Susie Johnson, Ruby Poole, Hazel Logan. Second Row, left to right: Paul Johnson, Pastor, Ethel Chavis,

Zenobia Debnam, Leona Daniel, Lester Freeman, Jesse Saunders, Superintendent, Mary Greene, Pollie Saunders, Hulon Morgan, Associate Superintendent, Maggie Holley Howard Pullen, Sr., Fannye Birdsall.



Cradle Roll Thru Young People Department



EUREKA BIBLE CLASS — Howard Pullen, Sr., Teacher

First Row, left to right: Dave Burwell, Otho Mitchell, Fred Anderson, Howard Pullen, Sr., Samuel Morgan, Benjamin Jones, Jr., Herbert Hicks, Sr.

Second Row, left to right: Benjamin Johnson, Oscar Williams, Arthur Debnam, Sr., John Perry, John Bennett, William Fields.



THE MEN'S ADULT CLASS — Norman Sanders, Teacher

First Row, left to right: Carlton Barber, Sr., Thomas Lewis, Lester Freeman, James Thomas, Paul Johnson, Pastor, Norman Sanders, Sr., Jesse Saunders, Henry High, Sr., John Chavis, Earlie Sills.

Second Row, left to right: John Joyner, William Perry, Jr., Hulen Morgan, Clarence McLean, Norvelle Nipper, James Lacewell, Andrew Fellers, Sr., Vernon Malone, Robert Williams, Rufus Whitley.

THE PROGRESSIVE BIBLE CLASS — Leona Daniel, Teacher



First Row, left to right: Rosa Alston, Mary Jones, Pattie Lassiter, Jessie Henry, Leona Daniel, Della Parker, Nannie Watkins, Ethel Thomas, Florence Taylor, Maggie Fisher.

Second Row, left to right: Luna Hill, Katie Lewis, Carrie Hicks, Elma Smith, Susie Morgan, Minnie Mintz, Rosa Debnam, Daisy Hinton, Fannie Jones, Beatrice Bennett.

THE CLASS OF ESTHER — Annie J. High, Teacher



First Row, left to right: Adline Lilly, Zenobia Debnam, Lucille Thorpe, Fannie Freeman, Cora Lewis, Mary Hinton, Zylphia Moore, Pauline Singletary, Louise Revis, Mable Mitchell.

Second Row, left to right: Evelyn George, Mary Watkins, Viola Chavis, Fannie Willis, Annie High, Julia Jackson, Maude Brown, Linnie Edwards, Lillian Brown, Ballie Watson.

THE LYDIA BIBLE CLASS — Ethel Chavis Teacher



First Row, left to right: Velma Joyner, Littel Wise, Mozelle Mills, Margarie Dunn, Helen Hinton, Ethel Chavis, Duester Montague, Mary Hinton, Katie Hilliard, Margaret Maulsby, Margaret Lilly.

Second Row, left to right: Louise Thompson, Irene Scarborough, Exzara Watson, Mamie Reddick, Edith May, Nellie Harris, Lillian Freeman, Mae DeLaney, Merlyn Lytle, Dilsie Alston, Dorothy Sanders, Lucinda Farrell, Elnora Kee,

THE CLASS OF RUTH — Hazel Logan, Teacher



First Row, left to right: Ida Brower, Catherleen Thomas Edith Cooley, Hazel Logan, Faye Dunbar, Della Perry.
Second Row, left to right: Adelaide Earp, Margaret Lock-

amy, Winnie Lacewell, Clara Turner, Glodene Taylor, Vera Morgan.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION — Viola Z. High, Director



First Row, left to right: Oliver Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Nita Johnson, Adrian Farrell.

Second Row, left to right: Luna Hill, Lucinda Farrell, Leona Daniel, Viola Chavis, Viola High, Viola Anderson, Florence Taylor, Annie High, Henry High, Sr., Johnny Blanks, Juanrice

Cobbs.

Third Row, left to right: Phenix Watson, Louise Revis, Helen Hinton, Maggie Fisher, Lester Freeman, Minnie Mintz, Jessie Henry, Beatrice Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Susie Johnson, Dr. Paul Johnson.

DEACONS' WIVES — Annie High, Chairman



First Row, left to right: Susie Johnson, Pastor's wife, Louise Revis, Amanda Whitaker, Annie High, Rosa Judkins, Viola High, Viola Anderson, Corina Edwards, Fannie Jones.

Second Row, left to right: Zenobia Debnam, Winnie Lacewell, Dorothy Sanders, Margaret Lockamy, Lillian Freeman, Elsie Perry, Elnora Kee, Tamara Johnson.

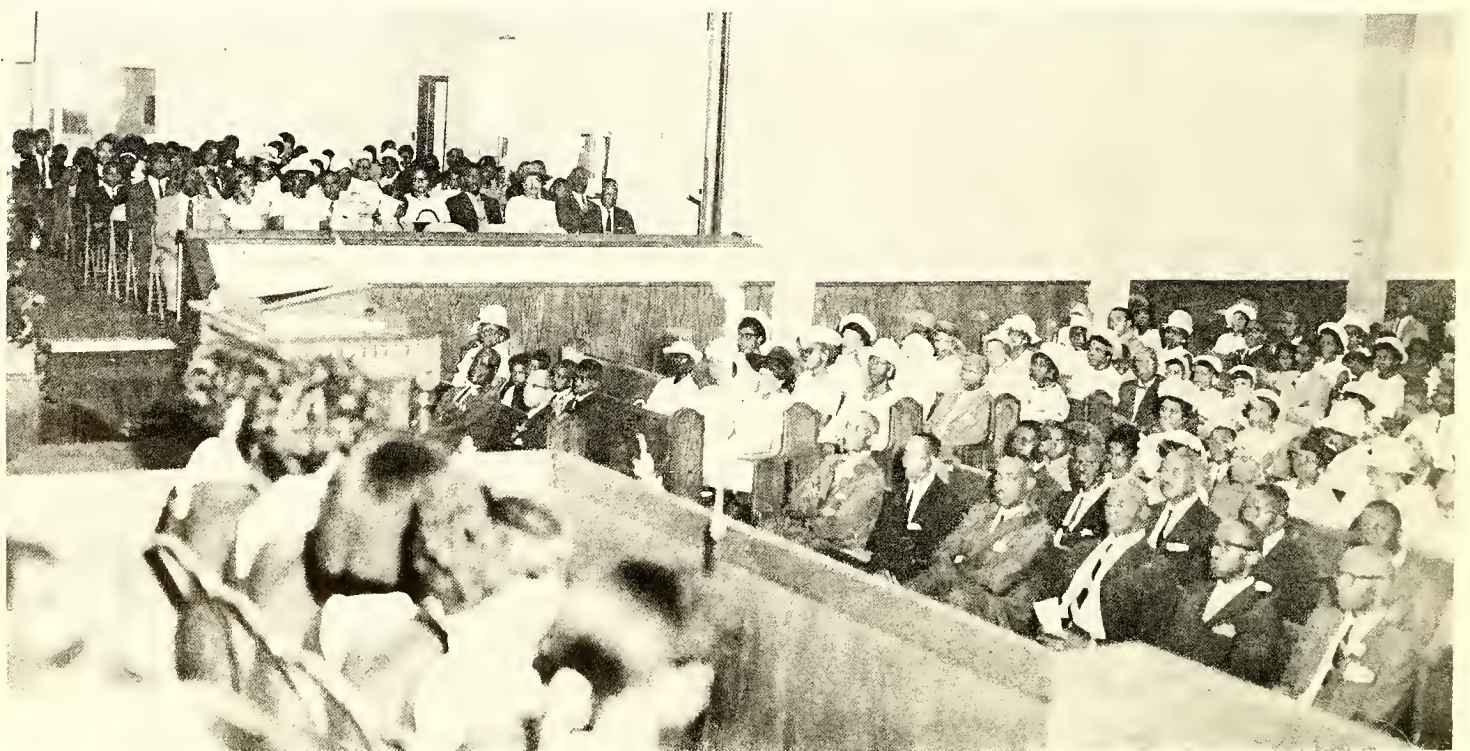
PRAYER BAND AND MISSIONARY CIRCLE — Minnie Mintz, President



First Row, left to right: Lessie Ragland, Katie Lewis, Della Parker, Minnie Mintz, Maggie Fisher, Jessie Henry, Florence Taylor, Pattie Lassiter.

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The Church at Worship



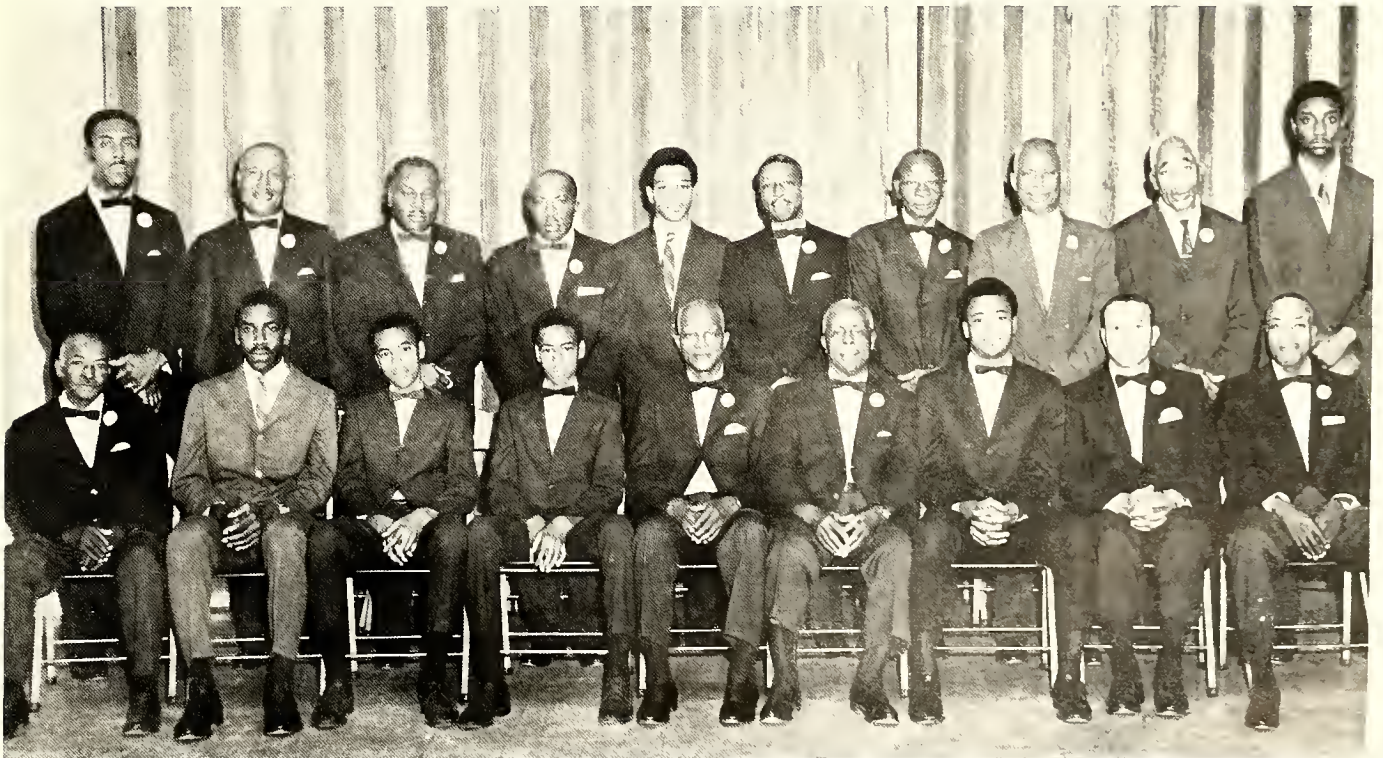
WOMEN USHERS — Mozelle Mills, Chairman



First Row, left to right: Dorothy Hammond, Marion McLeod, Nellie Harris, Mary Hinton, Duester Montague, Katie Hilliard, Ruth Montague.

Second Row, left to right: Carolyn Lilly, Beatrice Bennett, Mozelle Mills, Vivian Hinton, Barbara Barnes, Helen Hinton, Brenda Griffith, Freddie Williams.

ADULT AND JUNIOR MALE USHERS — John Bennett, Chairman

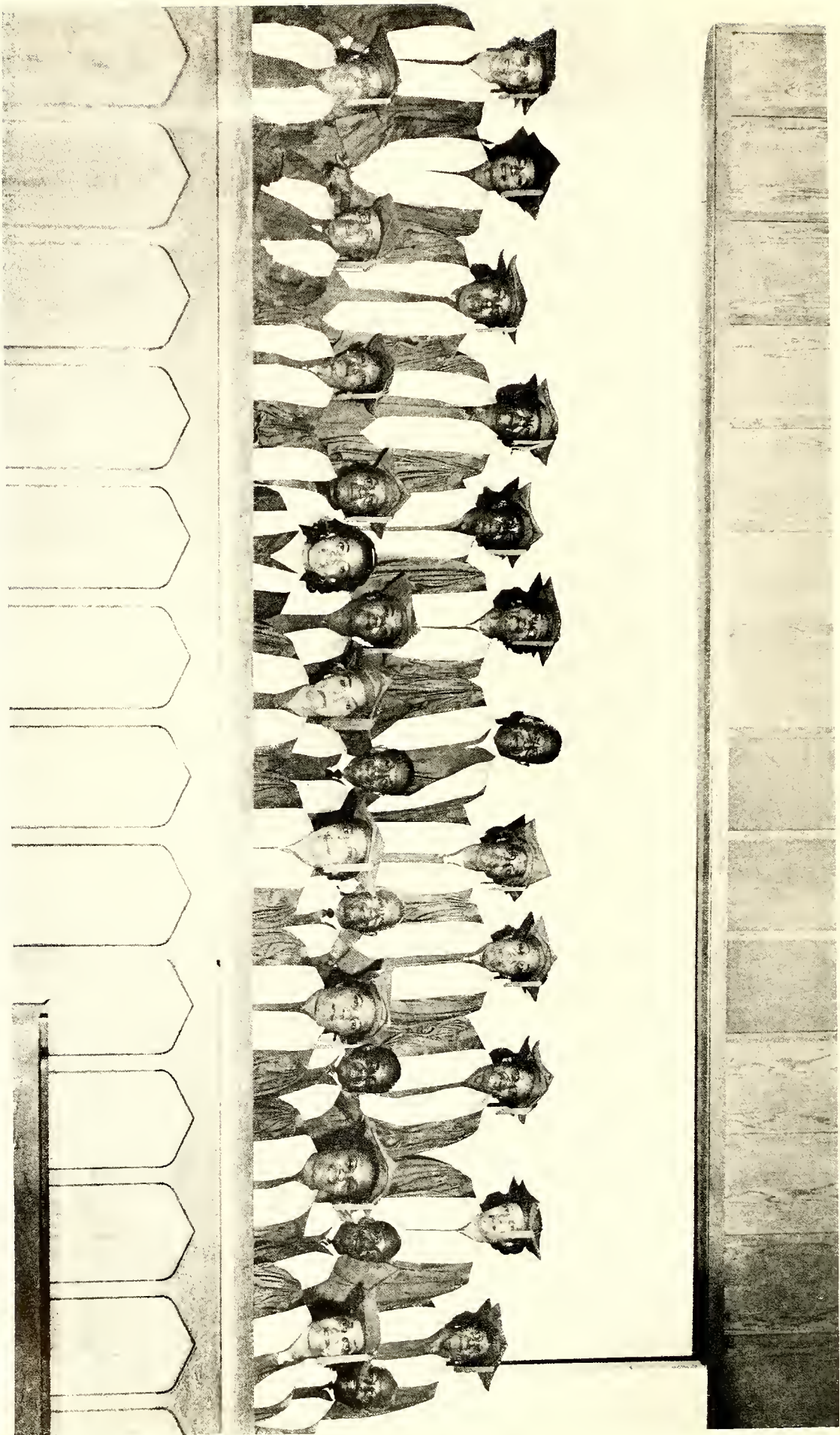


First Row, left to right: Samuel Morgan, Daniel Lilly, Jr., Thomas Kee, Jr., Timothy Kee, John Bennett, Julius Anderson, Charles Scarborough, Earlie Sills, Milton George.

Second Row, left to right: James Keith, James Ridley,

Charles Highsmith, William Montague, Reginald Sills, Walter Sanders, Sr., Casper Lilly, Charles Brown, Sr., Will Willis, Joseph Debnam.

SENIOR CHOIR



SENIOR CHOIR — Excelle Davis, President

First Row, left to right: Monica Lewis, Organist, Excelle Davis, Margaret Mautsby, Margarie Dunn, Madeline Keith, Zenobia Debnam.
 Second Row, left to right: Lola Rogers, Mary Watkins, Maggie Fisher, Lizzie Ritter, Harriet Butler, Ernest Thomas, Halhe Rand, Jr., Wiley Davis, Norman Sanders, Sr., Lester

Freeman.
 Third Row, left to right: Lucille Thorpe, Lucinda Farrell, Mary Hinton, Elizabeth Morgan, Baille Watson, Mable Mitchell, Charles Brown, Sr., Lillian Freeman, Addie Hinton, Sharlie Ivery, Beatrice Johnson, Annie Hugh.

CHORAL CHOIR — Margaret Melvin, President



First Row, left to right: Monica Lewis, Organist, Beatrice Lewis, Fannye Birdsall, Hortense Fleming, Margaret Lockamy, Edna Chalmers.

Second Row, left to right: Hazel Logan, Winnie Lacewell, Mary Graham, Margaret Melvin, Barbara Ellis, Edith May,

William Perry, Jr., Lester Freeman.

Third Row, left to right: Docenia Hammond, Julia Jackson, Percy Foxwell, Gilmer Morgan, Earlie Sills, Addie Perry, Ida Brower.

JUNIOR CHOIR — Alfred Mack, President



First Row, left to right: Jeannette Johnson, Kay Hinton, Antoinette Johnson, Jacqueline Hinton, Renee Lamb, Winnona Swayze, Elver Lilly, Paula Montague, Kirby Robertson, Montez Bates, Deborah Downing.

Second Row, left to right: Gregory Robertson, Delsenia

Murchison, Robert Jackson, Cynthia Mitchell, Hilda Davis, Shirley Taylor, Larry Newsome, Jannette Moore, Larry Kay, Dana Lewis, Brenda Sanders, Maurice Lockamy, Deborah Sanders, Wanda Brower, Millicent George, Monica Lewis Organist, Mrs. Beatrice Lewis, Advisor.

GROUP NUMBER ONE — Jessie Henry, Leader



First Row, left to right: Hazel Gales, Jessie Henry, Nannie Watkins, Marie Jeffreys, Rosetta Rand, Rosa Gurtley, Eva Pope.
Second Row, left to right: Arthur Debnam, Sr., Zenobia Debnam, Brenda Webster, Edith Cooley, Etta Dunn, Susie Morgan, Bernice Perry, Howard Pullen,

Sr. Members not shown: Elizabeth Thomas, Esther Moring, Margaret Maulsby, Lula Jones, Edith May, Dave Burwell, William Robertson, Hattie Rand, Jr., Carlton Barber, Sr., Samuel Morgan, Ivan Scarborough.

GROUP NUMBER TWO — Lucille Thorpe, Leader



First Row, left to right: Patsy Smith, John Chavis, Lucille Thorpe, Tamara Johnson, Benjamin Jones, Jr., Bennie Whisnant, Augusta Gorman, Faye Dunbar, Ercelle Davis, Florence Taylor, Mary Watkins.

Second Row, left to right: James Whitaker, Sr., Amanda Whitaker, Benjamin Johnson, Wanda Alston, Alphonzo Alston, Margaret Lilly, Sandra Baker, La Senia Murchison, Veatrice Artist, Ethel Chavis, Australia Haywood.

GROUP NUMBER THREE — Louise Revis, Leader



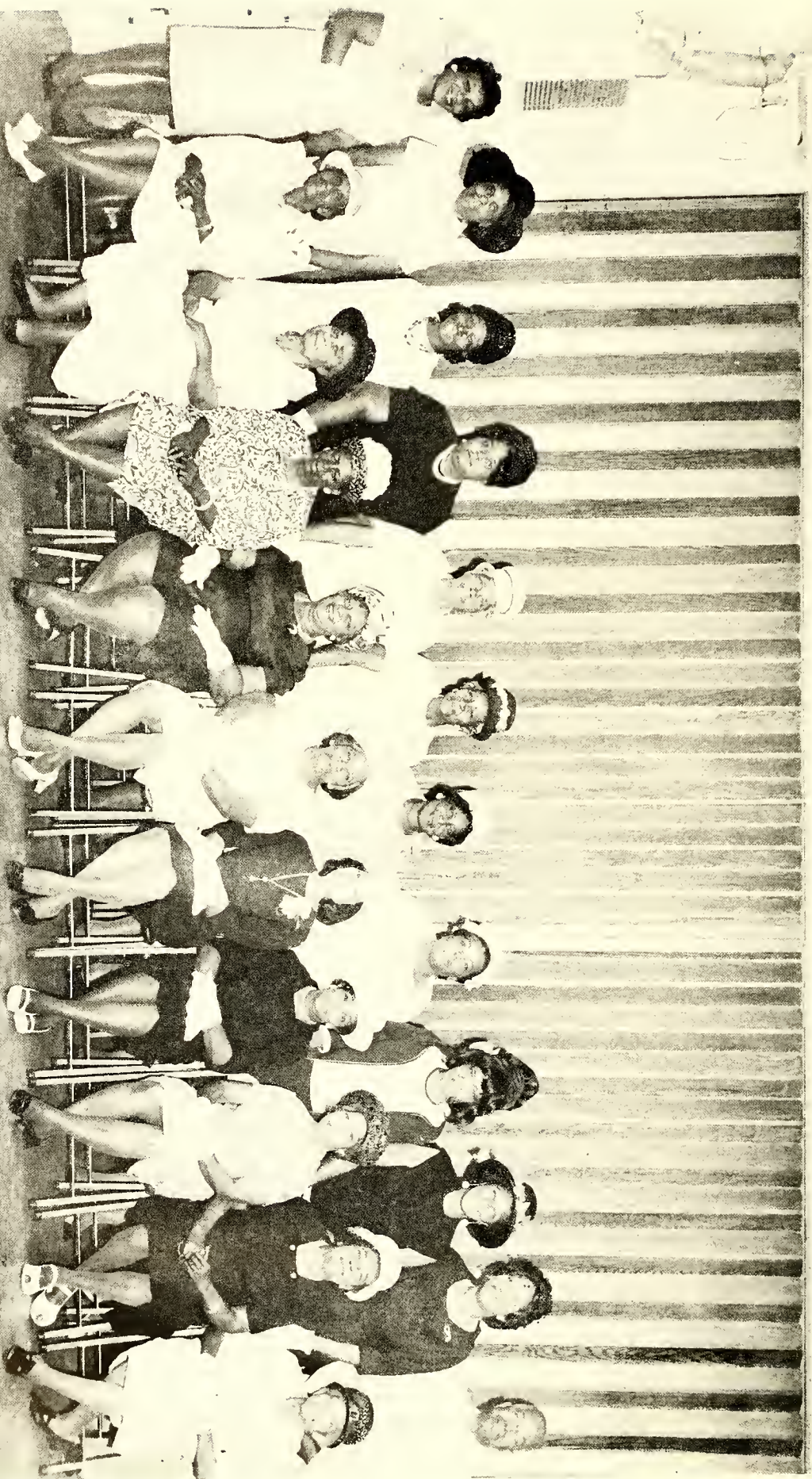
First Row, left to right: Lula Anderson, Pattie Lassiter, Annie High, Jennie Alston, Lena Chavis, Louise Revis, Viola Chavis, Maude Brown, Esther Perry, Viola Anderson, Susie Johnson.

Second Row, left to right: Fred Anderson, Ballie Watson, Luna Hill, Mozelle Mills, Mary Greene, Lacy Jones, Oleater

Sanders, Mable Alston, Lula Thorpe, Henry High, Sr., Paul Johnson.

Third Row, left to right: Ordell Morgan, Pauline Singletary, Odell Peaton, Hulon Morgan, Mattie High, Mary Robinson, Lillian Freeman, Vera Morgan, Beatrice Bennett, Adline Lilly.

GROUP NUMBER FOUR — Rosa Debnam, Leader



First Row, left to right: Della Parker, Fannie Jones, Mary Jones, Martha Hammond, Rosa Debnam, Viola High, Rosa Judkins, Lillian Robertson, Annie Williams, Ada Robertson.

Second Row, left to right: Fanny Birdsell, Elma Smith, Minnie Mintz, Helene Batchelor, Nonnie Malone, Fannie Freeman, Corina Edwards, Erma Tyson, Daisy Hinton, Exzara Watson, Mable Mitchell, Oscar Williams.

GROUP NUMBER FIVE — Helen Hinton, Leader



First Row, left to right: Lola Rogers, Duester Montague, Bettie Ridley, Martha Vandergriff, Littel Wise, Thomas Lewis, Beatrice Lewis, Adrian Farrell, Helen Hinton, Dilsie Alston, Virginia Smith.

Second Row, left to right: James Ridley, Dorothy Sanders, Norman Sanders, Marion McLeod, Lester Freeman, Phenix Watson, Preston McClain, Jr., Evelyn Little, Lucinda Farrell, Walter Farrell, Margarie Dunn, Rufus Whitley.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP — Dianne Mitchell, President



First Row, left to right: Jeannette Johnson, Jacqueline Hinton, Antoinette Johnson, Cynthia Mitchell, Hilda Davis, Winnona Swayze, Jannette Moore, Elver Lilly, Montez Bates, Renee Lamb, Delsenia Marchison.

Second Row, left to right: Charles Scarborough, Wanda

Brower, Robert Jackson, Deborah Sanders, Maurice Lockamy, Paula Montague, Gregory Robertson, Brenda Sanders, Larry Newsome, Kay Hinton, Earl Watson, Millicent George, Larry Kay, Shirley Taylor, Kirby Robertson, Mrs. Susie Johnson, Advisor.

GROUP NUMBER SIX — Madeline Keith, Leader



First Row, left to right: Bertha Hinton, Catherine Thomas, Inez Lee, Janie Mack, Mary Hinton, Madeline Keith, Maggie Fisher, Lizzie Ritter, Della Perry, Merlyn Lytle.

Second Row, left to right: Arthur Thomas, Jr., Allie Peebles, Mae DeLaney, William Curry, Evelyn Evans,

James Thomas, Irene Scarborough, Joella Perry Mamie Reddick, Hilton Reddick, Sr.

Members not shown: Geneva Highsmith, Artelia Hinton, Eva Jones, Classie Moore, Olivia Street, Esther Newkirk.



PATRON MEMBERS

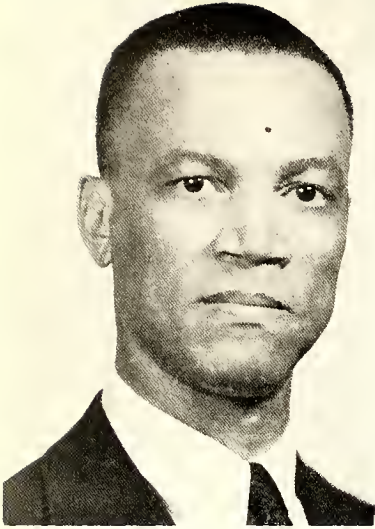
Evelyn Cooper
Ethel Darden
Lillian Downing
Andrew Fellers
Charles Highsmith
Moses Hinton
Henrietta Kay
James Keith
James Lacewell
Winnie Lacewell
James Lytle

Theodore Lucas
Susan Malone
James Moore
Armiteen Morris
Isabell Nipper
Addie Perry
Roland Ritter
Grace Sills
Gladene Taylor
George Turner, Jr.
Viola Turner

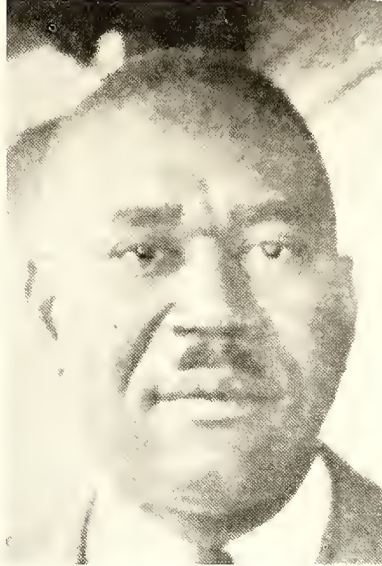
Victoria Walters
Mamie Watson
Frank Weaver
Fannie Williams
Gladys Williams
James Williams
Robert Williams
Lillian Young
Robert Young

In Memoriam

"They served the purpose of God in their own generation, and fell asleep." We operate in their shadow.



Dr. Moses Nathaniel DeLaney
1917 - 1963
Minister, Educator, and
Loyal Member



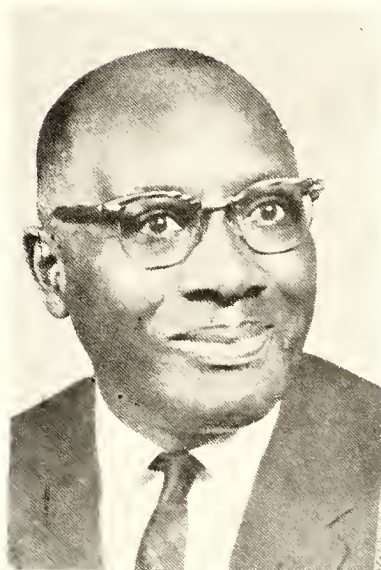
Mr. Solomon Revis, Sr.
Deacon 1935 - 1957



Mr. Richmond J. Sanders
1892 - 1952
Loyal Member and
Chairman of Board of Deacons



Mrs. Laura Anderson
Church Clerk 1878 - 1918



Mr. James R. High, Sr.
Deacon 1951 - 1967



Mr. John T. Daniel, Sr.
Educator and Loyal Member
1959 - 1961

In Memoriam



Mrs. Janie J. Little
Loyal Member 1931 - 1968



Mrs. Lillie Sills
Loyal Member 1935 - 1965



Mrs. Helen Powell
Loyal Member 1891 - 1919



Mrs. Hettie C. Winston
Loyal Member 1940 - 1945



Mr. Clifton Sills
Loyal Member and Trustee
1935 - 1960

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE — Jesse Saunders, Chairman



First Row, left to right: Margarie Dunn, Leona Daniel, Pollie Saunders, Mary Geiger, Paul Johnson, pastor, Lucinda Farrell, Annabelle Fincher, Louise Revis, Mary Graham.
Second Row, left to right: Lonnie Lockamy, Jr., James

Lacewell, Carlton Barber, Sr., Lester Freeman, Jesse Saunders, Thomas Kee, Sr., Casper Lilly, Sr., Howard Pullen, Sr.

The Centennial Committee

We feel that the observance of our 100th Anniversary should be more than a celebration. It should seek to tie the past with the present, recapture the spirit of those who have gone on before, with the hope of rekindling the fire that burned in their bosom. We seek to cause the past to become alive, and challenge the accomplishments of the future.

Martin Street is a proud church, and has been in the vanguard here in the capital city, therefore, our centennial must compliment a proud and grateful people.

DEBRA RANKIN
HEADQUARTERS UNIT OF
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